

Weekly Police Beat for the week ending April 8, 2016

IRS Warns Residents of New Email Phishing Scam Targeting National Capital Area

Friday, April 8, 2016

The latest iteration of this IRS-related fraud involves an email that cites tax fraud and coaxes the recipient into verifying the last four digits of their social security number by clicking on a link provided. The email seems to prey upon the recipient's concern about protecting themselves from identity theft and tax fraud—widespread problems which have been the subject of recent news stories.

A link to the April 6 press release from the IRS is at the link below. Please heed the advice in the 'Protect Yourself' section toward the bottom.

<https://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/IRS-Warns-Washington-DC-Maryland-Virginia-Residents-of-New-Phishing-Scam-Targeting-National-Capital-Area>